Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 27 May 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 28 May 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 26 May 2023 at 14:00 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for windy conditions with some rain at times on Saturday and then for settled conditions to become established with lighter winds as high pressure builds over Scotland.

Headline for Saturday 27 May 2023: Windy. Cloud and occasional rain in morning, becoming sunny in afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 27 May 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
FOG	FOG	FOG					
Fog	Fog	Fog	Light rain	Light rain	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals
Precipitation probability							
30%	30%	30%	60%	70%	20%	20%	20%

Forecast for Saturday 27 May 2023

Weather: Cloudy with outbreaks of rain or drizzle overnight and during the morning, briefly heavy late morning or early afternoon before clearing. Brighter conditions with some sunshine arriving from the northwest during the afternoon but a few passing showers will affect Northern Highland, wintry on Munro tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% in the morning becoming 90% in the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Poor at times in rain or drizzle with areas of cloud and fog, bases 500 to 700m, lowest in the west. Significant improvement in the afternoon with cloud clearing and visibility becoming mainly excellent.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	22/28 SW	28/35 SW	31/40 SW	31/41 SW	31/43 W	28/39 W	26/37 W	22/30 W	18/25 W
900	21/27 SW	26/34 SW	29/38 SW	29/40 SW	30/42 W	27/39 W	26/37 W	21/30 W	17/24 W
600	16/22 SW	20/27 SW	21/30 SW	23/34 SW	24/35 W	21/33 W	20/31 W	14/23 W	11/18 W
300	5/20 SW	7/27 SW	7/28 SW	10/33 SW	9/34 W	11/33 W	11/31 W	8/24 NW	5/19 NW
Glen	7/16 SW	9/20 SW	13/25 SW	15/27 SW	15/28 W	17/30 W	15/28 W	10/20 NW	7/16 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	4/-1	4/-2	3/-4	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	2/-4	1/-5	0/-5
900	5/-0	5/-1	4/-2	5/-1	5/-1	4/-2	3/-3	2/-4	1/-4
600	7/3	7/2	6/2	7/2	8/3	7/2	6/1	4/0	4/0
300	9/8	9/7	9/7	10/8	10/8	10/8	9/6	7/5	6/4
Glen	11/10	12/10	12/9	13/10	13/10	13/10	12/8	10/7	9/7
Freezing Level*	2000m	1900m	1800m	1700m	1600m	1200m	1100m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Cold and windy on the tops. Gusts of 40 to 50mph making walking arduous at times with a risk of being blown off balance.

Forecast for Sunday 28 May 2023
Weather: Clear spells overnight with winds and showers easing. Sunday will be dry with long bright or sunny spells. High cloud making the sunshine rather hazy at times.

Maximum wind: West turning Northwest 10 to 15mph, but 20mph gusts 30mph overnight and early morning.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 95%.

Low cloud and visibility: Excellent visibility expected with any cloud well above the tops.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6C rising to 13C in west and 16C in east.
At 800m: Plus 2C rising to 7C.
Freezing level: Above summits, but 900m overnight and early morning.

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